

Paris 7th April.

Dear Caroline,

Wandering home the

day from the Mason Valer

where I had been to return Sir Robert &

at last my call - about half

past the clock to dinner, a tall

man of three hundred

weight & actually compelled

me to come down from the seventh

floor of contemplation in which

I was sitting, & to take my

place at the table. He had

been my constant friend

for years & I found much in that of

Franklin's letter. Like the Jewish

the Quaker I lived 28 years

in France & had a family, he

was a good man & was

off the whole throughout whom

there, out of social spite at his

mother-in-law's favorite friend

was at first, & out of hatred

at last. But the life

was not in the least under my

control. I was

at last

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returning his greeting exactly
as I had met him 25 years
back, at the corner of Park
& Beacon Street where I first met
him - as there was no reason
why I should not, he has
always behaved with courtesy
in such encounters - the only
occasions of our meeting. He
was engaged in a
enquiry, & I was
muttering to the girl of the
family express to much glad
that I was "still here" & "still
doing good" he supposed, as I
said "how much longer was I
going to remain?" that I
was certainly there. I was
glad to see him. He was
greatly pleased, & eagerly enquired

The address I forget all about
till the day but one after,
Wednesday, when she
was called from giving my
donation & went to the
point, which a good many
new people were coming whom
I knew liked chocolate when
I was called to see "an Montreux"
in the drawing room. There he
was - as tall as life & as dark
as death, as I said; & before I
talk of the business before
me, I must say that he had been
in the office of the
patronage of John Appleton who
is for on the subject. He said
that he did not go as a
candidate but as a friend
of the cause & to be sure
I should acknowledge it & I
suppose I was kind & I
had seen many good
people & saw her, & I had seen

known her - the only one of
her mother's family whom I did
not know. There had been a
and on about Magnesian.
These about times I learned
how long he had been here & how
long I, &c. Then he said, how
can you bear to stay here with
all the odium that is heaped
upon our country in both Eng-
land & France? I then said, my
purpose is just to suffer a little
to be offensive, so I let pass about
my feelings, and said, I must
confess it does throw me at a
great disadvantage, in conversation
with the advocates for despotism &
slavery, when they refer to the
state of things in my country; but
I claim that I must be judged
as a tree is, by its best fruit.

It has borne slavery but
now it has also produced the
abolitionists. F. D. But see how
they pick up every side story
of slavery & put into the press
"press!" I wished they had not
so many to pick up. "There cannot
be two opinions about that every
body must wish it were not so.
but I must confess I should not
wish to see our country in the con-
dition of slavery." I said there
were two sets of business about
slavery & I cited very fully
our friend Thompson, the London
proprietor, so well known to the
gentlemen of the House of Commons
who thought the state of things
greatly improved by emancipation.
Still he should feel as a slave he
did feel now as the greatest loss
wants to do. What would I do?

"I would suppose the hardest pos-
sible case - that of a Carolina
planter a great lot of slaves within
the means of removing them to
another State. No law should
compel me to hold them. I ought
to set the example & what it
ought cost me or those slaves I
need not trouble myself with con-
sidering. Where one man does
ready for a dead justice there
are for others a better
The consequences I have seen
would frankly be, a convention
of the planters, & a convention
of the people, & a change of
the constitution of Carolina, &
the abolition of slavery.
"But did I think that Abolition
would not back civilization?
I did think abolition would for-

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to a prepared committee as
gentlemen as others, as others
as fit for all the careers upon
other men fill, as to have
well kept in some sections of
our country to have one
pigeon. Not only had the
black man been civilized - the
white man too. I alluded
to brutal degradation which
submission to slavery for several
generations had induced. The
man ^{rather glowing} would seem to support
slavery, & say "I have done no
wrong." I spoke of Mr. Phillips
how has Sumner & I held
ourselves were teaching them better.
Here I distinguished again with me in
fact. He disused Charles Sumner
Charity to all wrong do
Charles would be better yet & hoped